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In re the application of: **Jochen G. SALFELD et al.**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 61-73 and 75-77.

Please amend claims 45, 47 and 48, as follows:

45. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody, or antigen-binding portion thereof, of [any of claims] claim 1[-24], and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

47. (Amended) A method for inhibiting human TNF α activity comprising contacting human TNF α with the antibody, or antigen-binding portion thereof, of [any of claims] claim 1[-24] such that human TNF α activity is inhibited.

48. (Amended) A method for inhibiting human TNF α activity in a human subject suffering from a disorder in which TNF α activity is detrimental, comprising administering to the human subject the antibody, or antigen-binding portion thereof, of [any of claims] claim 1 [-24] such that human TNF α activity in the human subject is inhibited.

REMARKS

Claims 1-77 were pending. Claims 61-73 and 75-77 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-60 and 74 are pending.

Claims 45, 47 and 48 have been amended to depend from claim 1. No new matter has been added. Applicant requests that the amendments to the claims be entered.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Agent would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call Applicants' Agent at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,



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